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PROJECTS: 493-0238 AND 493-0239; FY78 PROAG

REF A) TELECOM S/NM, SID ALSHOUSE TO NCU, RICHARD HART AUGUST 9
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1. ACTUAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PROAG FUNDING LEVEL WITH
ADDITION OF RAILWAY TRAINING MENTIONED IN NOTE ACCOM-
PANYING PROAG IS DOL. 550,657.

2. A NON-DISRUPTIVE MEANS OF REDUCING PROJECT FUNDING
TO S/NM DESIRED FUNDING LEVEL OF DOL.538,000 IS TO
REDUCE COMMODITIES BY DOL.9,157.

3. WE SUGGEST REDUCING THE PIO/C FOR SPARE PARTS,
ETC. FOR THE SC-120'S FROM 38,000 TO 28,843 SINCE
PROAG ONLY PROVIDES POLICE WITH FOURTEEN (14) OF TOTAL
24 SC-120 RECEIVED FROM PAKISTAN. WHEN NEED IS
IDENTIFIED FOR REMAINING SC-120'S THE SPARE PART
REQUIREMENTS WILL BE PLACED IN THE APPROPRIATE PROAG.
SPARE PARTS, ETC. ORDERED FOR THE 14 SC-120'S WILL
BE BASED UPON ACTUAL NEED AND, IF ANY SURPLUS IN
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FUNDS ARISES, WE WOULD HOPE TO BE ABLE TO TRANSFER
FUNDS FROM ONE PIO/C TO THE APPROPRIATE PIO/C.

4. THIS PROCEDURE WILL SIMPLIFY MATTERS HERE REMOVING
THE NECESSITY OF OBTAINING AN AGREEMENT FROM POLICE
NOT TO USE SPARE PARTS, ETC. FOR THE 10 SC-120'S NOT
GIVEN TO POLICE AND AN AGREEMENT THAT THEY WILL TRANSFER

SUCH MATERIALS TO APPROPRIATE AGENCY WHEN THE NEED IS ESTABLISHED. SUCH AN AGREEMENT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN AND MORE DIFFICULT TO IMPLEMENT.

5. IF ABOVE NOT SATISFACTORY, RELUCTANTLY, EMBASSY WILL REDUCE PARTICIPANT TRAINING BY DOL.9,157 BUT SUCH REDUCTION IS DISRUPTIVE OF PLANNED PROGRAM WHILE DESIRED PROCEDURE IS NOT REPEAT NOT DISRUPTIVE.

6. LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CONTROL OF PASSENGERS, CARGO AND BAGGAGE AND ITS INSPECTION ON THE STATE RAILWAY SYSTEM IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ROYAL THAI POLICE/ RAILROAD POLICE DIVISION. CONSEQUENTLY TRAINING REQUESTED IS MOST DESIRABLE IN VIEW OF THE USE OF TRAINS TO TRANSPORT NARCOTICS WITHIN THAILAND. IN ADDITION, THAI CUSTOMS HAS AN INSPECTION FUNCTION IN COOPERATION WITH RAILWAY POLICE AT THE MALAYSIAN BORDER WHICH IS THE REASON A TRAINING IS PLANNED UNDER CUSTOMS PROJECT.

7. ERROR WAS MADE IN REPORTING REASON FOR INCREASE OF PROJECT BY 58,000. INCREASE CAUSED BY FOLLOWING:

DOL. 3,500 RAILWAY CARCO/BAGGAGE INSPECTION TRAINING
DOL. 8,000 PIO/P TO CONTINUE MARINE ENGINEERING
EDUCATION OF CHOOCHOCK NGAOTHEPPITAK
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DOL.10,000 EXPANSION BY ONE REPEATER STATION OF GULF
TELECOM SYSTEM IN SOUTHERN THAILAND
DOL. 9,000 MOBILE TRAINING TEAM EQUIP. INADVERTENTLY
LEFT OUT OF DRAFT.
DOL.27,500 DETAILED COSTING AND ASSOCIATED GSA
CHARGES ON COMMODITIES

DOL.58,000

8. AN EVALUATION SECTION HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE CUSTOMS IMPROVEMENT PROAG AND IT IS VERY SIMILAR TO THE EVALUATION SECTION OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT PROJECT.

9. FINAL MEETING ON PROAGS WITH DTEC/POLICE/CUSTOMS SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEEK. REQUEST APPG RAL TO EXECUTE PROJECT PRIOR TO THURSDAY AUGUST 17 MEETING.
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